(c) whether it is also a fact that all the formalities have been completed as required for an international airport; and

(d) if so, when the Airport will be functional to start flights to South African countries as well as other foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ahmedabad airport has been upgraded to international standards for operation of international flights. The airport has been already renamed as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. Indian Airlines and Air India are already operating flights from Ahmedabad via Mumbai to New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Moscow, Nairobi, Dar-Es-Salaam, Muscat, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jeddah, Sharjah, Riyadh, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Advice of Ministry officials on conversion of Jaipur Airport

668. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some sections of his Ministry officials have strongly advised to convert Jaipur into an International Airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking the necessary steps to make Jaipur an Internatioal Airport in the interest of the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CAG's Report on TRAI

669. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "CAG criticises TRAI for exceeding personal entitlements" as appeared in the Indian Express dated the 1st November, 1999;